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Fire displaces Princess St. residents



Salvation Army
helps people
affected by fire
individuals

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A fire that destroyed a restaurant and inn on Princess St., has displaced 10 residents who are now receiving ongoing assistance from the Fort Erie Salvation Army.

Four fire companies from Fort Erie and Emergency Services responded to an aggressive blaze at Long hotz bar and Grill on Princess St. just before 10:30 a.m., last Friday morning which caused \$1 million in estimated damages, fire Chief Larry Copleen said.

The fire was under control at about 1 p.m. No one was injured.

Elliott Innes, community services manager for the Fort Erie Salvation Army, said the organization's services were called upon to provide assistance to residents living in the Princess St. building.

"We have an emergency disaster team consisting of half a dozen people who pitched in to help," Elliott said, adding that the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls' Salvation Army organizations also assisted.

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A fire broke out at 33 Princess St. in Fort Erie Friday morning, which destroyed Long Shotz Bar and Grill and left 10 residents without homes.

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The roof of Long Shotz Bar and Grill collapsed while firefighters extinguished the blaze, last Friday morning.

Salvation Army organizations from across Niagara pitch in to help

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"We opened our facility to the victims who were all initially standing outside Robo Mart and were freezing. We provided them with food, shelter and warm blankets."

Elliott said the Salvation Army welcomed the Red Cross into its facility to begin registering victims for assistance.

Once he learned of the fire, Elliott filled his vehicle with water and food sup-

plies to aid firefighters battling the blaze.

"I served the fire department and first responders with granola bars, apples, water and coffee to keep them going," he said.

"Later in the afternoon, our mobile outreach program arrived from St. Catharines to serve the firefighters a meal."

Elliott said Salvation Army volunteers left the scene at 5 p.m., when firefighters began to pack their gear

and prepared to leave.

The Salvation Army has assisted the people who lost their homes last Friday by finding them lodging at a local hotel and will continue to support them by helping them secure affordable housing and replacing furniture and personal items such as clothing.

"The response from the community has been overwhelming," Elliott said.

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Council considers impact of new grow-op regulations on town

Councillors consider new legislation introduced by Ministry of Health

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Large-scale legal commercial marijuana grow-ops could set up shop in Niagara in the new year thanks to new legislation announced in August by the Ministry of Health.

Town staff is considering the impact of these changes on Fort Erie. The new regulations will come into effect in April 2014.

Council facilitated a pub-

lic meeting in the council chambers to gather public input but no one came forward to speak on the matter.

Acting director of community and development services, David Heyworth said growing regulations were put in place in 2011, allowing individuals suffering from debilitating illnesses to access marijuana for medicinal use. Under these

regulations, production of marijuana for medicinal use was licensed by Health Canada.

These regulations authorized users to grow their own marijuana in their homes and gardens. It also meant other authorized individuals could grow marijuana on behalf of a limited number of users.

Due to a number of con-

cerns, including improper ventilation, fire hazards and environmental concerns, Health Canada established new regulations which will put an end to small-scale grow-ops in favour of larger operations run by licensed producers.

The federal government has the ability to issue licenses, but it has announced that towns will

be required to make sure licensed producers comply with all municipal bylaws.

Town staff are analyzing Fort Erie's bylaws to ensure these potential facilities fall within appropriate land uses and limit the impact on the community, Heyworth said.

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Support from community appreciated

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"People have been calling, e-mailing and using Facebook to ask what they can do to support the relief work happening."

Elliott encourages individuals who would like to support the relief efforts to donate to the Salvation Army's kettle campaign.

The fire, which destroyed the restaurant and inn, was still under investigation as of Monday afternoon.

"We're still looking at a kitchen on the second floor where the fire may have started. It will probably take a few more days to complete the investigation but it isn't suspicious," Chief Larry Coplen said Monday afternoon.

Coplen said the original part of the building is more than 100 years old.

"Parts of it (the building) are older and it has many additions. The original building was approximately 180 years old."

The cause of the fire was not known by press time.

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Councillors express concern about new regulations

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Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular was concerned about whether or not any individual has expressed an interest in bringing a large-scale grow up to Fort Erie.

"Is there one or two people? Are they kicking tires or is there a genuine interest?" Shular asked.

Heysworth said there have been several expressions of interest.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill wanted to know if the potential growers could be identified in a staff report but Heysworth declined to say who has expressed an interest.

"From a high level, we can say which open spaces and agriculture areas may be potential places (for grow

ops) but we can't be much more specific than that at this time," Heysworth said.

A report with staff recommendations concerning the town's bylaws is expected to be brought to council in February.

"We don't want people to think there will be a grow op on every street," Heysworth said.

"This is a reality that is happening," Heysworth said of the new regulations allowing large-scale marijuana growers into Niagara.

"I think we'll do our due diligence in regards to this process. If it's not deemed the most advantageous thing for Fort Erie, we don't want to be grasping at straws."

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Have your say about future of Rose Seaton

Last year, the doors to Rose Seaton Public School closed forever.

The school was shut down after the District School Board of Niagara conducted an accommodation review, which also saw the closure of Fort Erie Elementary School.

Now there is a question that's on the minds of nearby residents and the Town of Fort Erie.

An open house was held for residents to get a glance at ideas for future uses of the property three weeks.

On Monday, council heard some of those ideas and directed staff to come up with a recommendation

for the property.

The District School board of Niagara owns the property, but the Town of Fort Erie is looking at rezoning the property to make it more attractive to buyers.

Some of the ideas about what the property could be used for were interesting.

Suggestions included turning it into a park, or zoning it to be developed into retail premises.

It will be a long time before the property will see any changes. The former school will likely be rezoned, and then there is a process the school board must follow to sell the land.

It's clear the property

Rose Seaton sits on will have an impact on the community.

If residents are concerned about what will happen to this land once Rose Seaton is sold, they should submit their concerns or ideas in writing to town staff or e-mail town councilors.

It's important that the community speak up about how they would like to see Fort Erie developed.

After all, once the property is rezoned, sold and development begins, the time for discussion will have passed.

—Sarah Ferguson

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to chartered Rotarian Mary Weytana who called in to identify last week's photo taken at the 1973 Fort Erie Santa Claus parade.

Her daughter Susan Weytana and Gary Bears are the children on this Rotary Club float.

We received two calls about the previous week's photo of the two painters. Thanks to Yvonne (Benner)

Lauder who identified her father, Don "Sam" Benner (seated) and to Gillian Bryant for identifying her husband Roy Bryant. Sam and Roy were two of the parents from the Mather School PTA helping to fundraise for the school by painting and selling cut-out Christmas lawn decorations. This group would produce hundreds of these and sell them for about \$5.00 a piece.

The photo was taken in the basement of Mather School about 1970.

Why is Santa emerging from the chimney in full view of these children who should clearly be tucked away all snug in their beds? If you know anything about this photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

'Staches make a big difference for prostate cancer

Dear Editor,

directly to men's health programs supported by Movember.

Movember Canada is very proud of this cost ratio, which is well above international standards, and we publish it on our site.

However, we typically don't volunteer this information.

Funds raised by Mo Bros and Mo Sisters support innovative, world-class programs that make a positive impact on men's health.

From 30 Mo Bros in Melbourne, Australia in 2003 to 1.1 million Mo's in 2012, Movember has raised the power of the moustache has truly become a global movement that is

changing the face of men's health.

I decided to get involved in 2011 and grew a moustache in November and raised \$400.

In 2011, I decided once again to grow my moustache and joined Claire's Harley-Davidson and our group raised over \$6,000 and I personally raised \$700 in 2012.

In fact, the Harley-Davidson Dealerships across Canada have been a major supporter and contributor to this great movement and has raised over \$177,000 in 2012. Claire's Harley-Davidson has raised over \$4,000 and Harley-Davidsons in Canada have raised over

\$99,000.

This year I set a personal goal of \$1000. I exceeded my goal by \$602.

This year I was supported by several of our friends and also Rocca's Unisex in Welland placed a donation box in the store and raised \$100 for Movember.

We also held a fundraiser on Nov. 29. Our wine and cheese social was a roaring success with over 30 people attending. I was able to obtain several door and raffle prizes from several area businesses which helped contribute to the fundraiser's success.

The Raffle raised \$181 toward my donation total of \$1602.

A number of businesses

from across Niagara donated prizes to the event. These businesses included Herdner Winery, John Hay, Tris Winery, Reif Estate Winery, Petro Canada Fort Erie, Jack Shaw Enterprises Limited, Inniskillin, Jackson Triggs, Konzelmann, Estate Winery, Strenn Winery, Fort Erie Golf Club, The Scullabrack Tap and Eatery, Peace Bridge Duty Free, Marynissen Estate Winery, Joe's ValueMart Ridgeway, Chateau Des Charmes Winery, Chocolate F/X, St David's, Riverview Cellars Estate Winery, Ravine Winery, Crystal Wines, Crystal Beach, Between The Lines Winery, Movember, Matt Polowky

and Bill's Toyota Fort Erie.

My wife and I want to thank all the people and businesses that supported me this year.

I am already planning for Movember 2014 and hope with the support of our friends and local businesses,

We can exceed the 2013 goal of \$1602.

Graham Rignall
Stevensville

November is the time each year when men around the world grow their moustaches in support of Movember a wonderful charity that supports prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's mental health.

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Christmas films brighten library during December



Amy Ruebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

There are only a few days left for generous donors and talented knitters to bring new hats, mitts and books for the mitten trees and book baskets at all Fort Erie Public Library branches.

After the Dec. 9 deadline, these items will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul at St. George's Roman Catholic Church, Kinsmen Gift of Love, the Salvation Army, and other area churches.

Because the War of 1812 lasted through 1814, Bicentennial observances are not yet complete in our town. Join local author and historian Earl Plato and members of the Town of Fort Erie's War of 1812 Bicentennial committee at the Centennial branch of the library this Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. to learn about a little-told aspect of the war, its

dramatic effect on the private citizens who lived in communities along both shores of the Niagara River. From Dec. 10 to Dec. 31 of 1813, residents along the river had two very poor choices: their homes were either occupied by soldiers, or their property was destroyed by fire. What fate would you have chosen? This program is free and open to the public.

We are screening Jim Carrey's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge in Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, our family film matinee at the Centennial branch on Saturday, beginning at 2

p.m. This animated retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption through time by several mysterious Christmas apparitions is rated PG. Admission is \$3, and we will put on the popcorn.

Next week, kids of all ages can enjoy special holiday-themed Make It: Lego Club at 4 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the Stevensville branch, and next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Crystal Ridge. There will also be a Lego session at the Centennial branch on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6

p.m. Come and build, with your own bricks or with ours; we have lots! Work together with other young people to create a LEGO masterpiece. Parents are encouraged to stay and build with their kids. DUPLO is also available. Each session is \$2.

While families are at the library, they can pick up brand new releases in children's books, including Mo Willems' *I'm a Frog*, Pete the Cat stories by Eric Wilson; Jeff Kinney's latest installment in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, *Hard Luck*; Chris Colfer's *Land of Stories* sequel, *The Enchantress Returns*; and *The Grimm*

Conclusion by Adam Gidwitz. Readers may also place a hold on their choices online, and receive notification when their selection is in by text message, email, or phone.

For information on holiday programs, books, hours and more at the Fort Erie Public Library, please visit the website at www.fepi.ca.

Amy Ruebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

Be careful how many friends you invite to dinner



Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

Who doesn't like the feast of the holiday season?

For most, it's a time of laughter, revelry and the bounty of food and drink. It's also a time when willpower takes a holiday.

Much too much egg nog and other calories are consumed. So do you just give up, or do you decide to be a smart eater? Here's Menu 101 for smart holiday eating.

Dr. Susan B. Roberts, Director of Tufts University Energy Metabolism Laboratory, says, "Faced with a six week never ending onslaught of fattening foods, you know you can't win, so you resign yourself in advance and let yourself go."

But what happens to the calorie count on holidays is shocking. For instance,

Roberts says between U.S. Thanksgiving and the New Year, the typical adult American gains five to eight pounds.

This amounts to eating a total of 20,000 excess calories, or daily consumption of 500 calories over what's needed to maintain normal weight.

Moreover, most of these calories come from saturated fat. Bad news for those who worry about cholesterol levels.

It was refreshing that some of Robert's suggestions were new and unique, ones I had never heard previously. For instance, if you're worried about gaining weight this holiday season, you'd better keep an eye on the number of guests invited for dinner. Roberts' research shows that for every guest at dinner, the amount of food eaten increases by 35 calories.

Roberts adds that if you play holiday music during dinner this will add another 100 calories. Then, if after dinner you decide it's time to relax and watch a football game, add another 140 calories.

She repeats further bad news. Gorging doesn't end when the party is over. Studies show that after eating the meal to end all meals, you can expect to be

hungrier and consume more at the next sitting.

Why does this happen? Roberts claims our intestinal processes speed up when we eat rich food, so the stomach empties more quickly. This means that going from one feast to revert to normal eating habits as the stomach cries out for more food. This leads to more sugar, saturated fats, sodium and alcohol.

But the holiday season does not have to end up as a nutritional disaster. One protective move is to start eating a high fiber breakfast cereal at the start of the season. This is prudent any time of the year as fiber decreases the hunger reflex so when dinner is served you eat less food.

Multiple studies also show that where food is located on the table determines how much you pile on your plate.

So make sure the high calorie foods and the wine bottle are not near you.

You're also lucky if your dinner guests are slim. Roberts claims that short, skiny neighbours who serve themselves smaller portions and this shames you to consume smaller amounts than tall, overweight or athletic ones.

Her other suggestions tell us what common sense has told us in the past. Namely, it's wise to plan a menu that has a good portion of low-calorie fruit and vegetable dishes. Consumption is also decreased when dinner guests have less choice and variety in foods. In fact, Roberts stresses that guests find it comforting when offered a meal that doesn't make them overeat.

Are you a speed eater? If so, try to slow down and be one of the last to see your plate empty.

This usually ensures you won't be tempted by a second helping.

Besides, other guests will not be amused at having to wait and watch you eat "seconds".

I'm sorry to report to Dr. Roberts that I can't accept her advice and say no to mashed potatoes.

I love them, but I'll use skim milk to mash them rather than load on fat and butter.

Moreover, I don't intend to skip the cocktail.

I'd agree if you're not a moderate drinker.

But the festive season demands some celebration. I'll take a glass of Chardonnay along with my mashed potatoes this holiday season.

Council needs to be more open with plans

Dear Editor,

I'm not as concerned about the Bay Beach condo as I once was, because those four councillors who have done as much as humanly possible to derail this fabulous opportunity, have an economic plan of their own of equal value for Fort Erie to take it's place.

I mean why, else would an educated responsible person in a position of authority, kill an opportunity like this unless they had a better and equally viable option for our struggling community?

I ask only one small thing, fill us in on your grand plan for Fort Erie using the same deadline you gave the Molinaros.

This town needs some good news, and since you've already spent so much of our money, we can't even get the Kinsmen pool open, we wait with bated breath.

Please don't take this the wrong way, I know what the four of you are against.

I just don't know what you're for.

Ernie Walker
Fort Erie

Reader: keep your eyes on road, not on technology

Dear Editor,

I am a professional driver.

I am not a perfect driver, but it's getting a little too out of control when you see all kinds of distractions while behind the wheel of a 2000-pound vehicle.

I realize that our officers are taxed as it is. We really have to start making calls to our local police when we see these wreckless drivers texting and driving. Just check out the accidents due to distractions while behind the wheel.

One morning I witnessed two drivers in the wrong lane of traffic while texting or viewing a text.

Keep our responsibility on the road to modern technology.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act and Division C, Section 1.9.1.2 of Ontario Regulation 350/06 of the said Act that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of January 13, 2014 to increase the current building permit fees.

Builders and members of the public are invited to appear before Council at the Public Meeting to be held on:

Monday January 13, 8:00 p.m. 2014

1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario

Written submissions will also be accepted by the Clerk up until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday January 8, 2014.

The proposal is to increase Building Permit Fees by 1.2% effective February 1, 2014. The objective is to operate closer to cost recovery from permit fee revenue. The costs of administering and enforcing the Building Code Act is available on the Town's website.

For information regarding Building Permit Fees, please contact Robert Romanuk, Chief Building Official at: (905) 871-1600 Ext. 2515 or rromanuk@forterie.on.ca

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at its meeting of January 13, 2014 to address the proposed increase in building permit fees may register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 by calling 905-871-1600 ext 2236 or 2212.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 25th day November, 2013.

Carolyn J. Kett,
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The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

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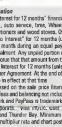


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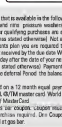


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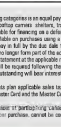


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Tree of Lights campaign chair Helen Eggleton prepares for Christmas at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site. She encourages individuals to honour the memory of loved ones, or who are fighting a battle with an illness by lighting the hospital site's trees to support the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Shine a light to support hospital foundation

Tree of Lights campaign has begun

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Site will be illuminated in honour of loved ones battling disease and in memory of those who have lost their battles.

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation has kicked off its annual Tree of Lights Campaign, which raises money for items used at the local medical facility, said campaign chair Helen Eggleton.

"We light the trees outside the hospital with Christmas

lights. You can pay anything you want to contribute and we'll light the trees in honour of someone who is sick, or in memory of someone that has passed," Eggleton said.

Now in its 20th year, the campaign has raised thousands of dollars to help make the site more comfortable for patients.

"In the last two years, we have furnished the new sun room and paid for the 60-inch television for the patients in the common room as well as televisions in all of the palliative care rooms," Eggleton said.

"We also received enough money from last year's Tree of Lights campaign to purchase 46 over-the-bed tables."

The hospital site's current bedside units can no longer be cleaned, so this year's campaign will help the hospital foundation pay for new

ones that can be cleaned to infection control standards.

Eggleton said the holiday campaign is extremely important because it provides much needed equipment. The campaign chair encourages people to support their local hospital site because it is still a widely used and important urgent care site.

Eggleton said the campaign will continue for many years.

"We are here whenever and wherever we are needed by our hospital."

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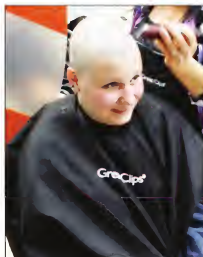
Good finds at Christmas bazaar



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From left, Maple Park Lodge residents Bob Heckman, Lee Davis and Hilda Stroud invite the public to attend the Maple Park Lodge Christmas Craft Show and Bazaar today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. There's crafts, homemade chocolates, jewelry, hand bags and more. The proceeds from the craft show will be used to purchase Ipods for the residents.

Going bald for bucks



CHRISTINE BROUGHTON Special to The Times
Shannon Richardson shaved her locks off on Nov. 27 in support of the Roswell Cancer Institute. She donated her hair to Locks of Love and her school, Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School collected donations during a hat day on Nov. 22. Richardson donated \$432 with the help of her school community.



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Experts to lead bird migration tour Sunday

➤ Tour to take place along Niagara River where thousands of birds fly over in the winter

For The Times

The phenomenon of thousands of birds flying in to overwinter along the raging Niagara River every year, is the reason local people site hundreds of people lining the Niagara River lookouts from mid-November through

December.

This world-famous bird migration attracts birders from all around the world. On Sunday Dec. 8, Niagara Nature Tours has arranged for two distinguished guides to lead a tour along the Niagara River to discover why it's been called a paradise for over win-

tering waterfowl and gulls.

Avid birder John Black, a retired Brock University physics professor, and Dan Salisbury, a second-generation birder from the Niagara Peninsula, will be leading this bus tour.

With limited walking,



John Black

this outing is excellent for young and old, experts and novices.

Carla Carlson, owner of Niagara Nature Tours said they have a comfortable motor coach for a day of camaraderie and fun, stopping for a special luncheon.

They will be using scopes and with expert guidance be able to see individual birds very

clearly.

The Niagara River Corridor, a globally significant bird area for waterfowl also includes a myriad of bird species including loons, vultures, grebes, swans, peregrine falcons and bald eagles.

It supports one of the world's most spectacular concentrations of gulls, with 21 species recorded and one-day counts of over 100,000 individuals.

Having migrated south from Greenland and the Canadian Arctic they feed on alewives, shiners and other small fish in the rushing open water of the Niagara River.

In 1996, the Niagara River was designated an Important Bird Area, (IBA) and became the first site to be identified jointly as a globally significant IBA by both Canada and the US.

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by The Fort Erie Time's and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

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| 3. Historical Contribution | 8. Safety | 12. Community Events |
| 4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.) | 9. Service Clubs | |
| 5. Protecting the Environment | | |

In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times.

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2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or drop off your nominations to The Fort Erie Times 160 Garrison Road, Fort Erie Ontario L2A 1N2 or E-Mail nyra.naturetours@naandc.ca
3. Selected volunteers must appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area

Nomination Deadline
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Suspect arrested in Sudbury in connection with Fort Erie murder

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

A 66-year-old-man has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of an retired Fort Erie businessman.

The body of Blake Nicholls, 81, was found last Monday in his Bertie St. home. Right from the start, Niagara Regional Police told the death was "suspicious."

After an autopsy was

conducted in Hamilton last Wednesday, police announced Nicholls died as a result of foul play.

A suspect, who was arrested without incident last Thursday near Sudbury.

"We had information that he left town and went to Hamilton and from there we were able to trace him to Sudbury," said Det. Staff Sgt. David Hunter.

Hamilton police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Greater Sudbury Police Services assisted in the search for the suspect.

Hunter said Nicholls and the suspect were known to each other.

Charged with second-degree murder is Michael Laforme, 66, of Fort Erie. He was scheduled to appear in court last Friday and again yesterday by video in St. Catharines.

Nicholls, a father of three, and grandfather of six, opened Nicholls Marine on Niagara Boulevard in 1956.

Nicholls ran for regional councillor in 2006.

"He was a great man," his

son Tim Nicholls said last Thursday. "He was always helping people."

Nicholls said his father's passion was his family, and gardening—on a grand scale.

"He had a few acres out of town that he worked on and plowed himself."

One of his most prolific crops was squash, which he not only shared with his family, but also the community.

"Whatever he didn't use, he'd donate," Nicholls said. "He'd donate to the

Salvation Army and he even used to donate to the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital in Dunnville."

A funeral service will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, the man arrested in connection with Nicholls' murder has a stunted past.

In 1998, he was arrested in Barker, N.Y., and charged with two counts of robbery in connection with a pair of armed holdups in Fort Erie.

He was charged with

arson following a fire in Fort Erie on Christmas Day, 2009, and in 2011, he was charged with several theft-related offences in Florida.

An acquaintance of Laforme, who did not want to be identified, said her friend has had a "hard life."

She described him as "a good person, but throughout his life he has had many confrontations with the law."

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Six of Niagara's hospital foundations have agreed to amalgamate into one

➤ The six hospital foundations will make the transition into one foundation in January

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

One Foundation. One voice. Better results.

"We can do more for our hospitals working together than we can being apart, and our donors expect the very best management and oversight," said Ruth Ann Nieuwesteeg, chairwoman of the One Foundation hospital amalgamation committee.

"This way we will not have duplication of staff roles, and can maximize what we can accomplish in terms of dollars spent and keeping the community aware of the urgent needs of our hospitals."

Six hospital foundations in Niagara have agreed in principle to amalgamate.

The amalgamation into One Foundation will take effect in January. The head office will be in Welland.

Nieuwesteeg said the only foundation not yet on board is Niagara-on-the-Lake "due to time con-

straints," but it hopes to be part of the amalgamation in the "very near future."

There has been talk for 20 months about creating the new organization, to be known as One Foundation.

A hospital foundation raises money to purchase and replace medical equipment. The provincial government funds the bricks, mortar and operations of hospitals.

One Foundation will have 18 volunteer board members—five from St. Catharines, four from Niagara Falls, three from Niagara-on-the-Lake, three from Welland, two from Port Colborne and one from Fort Erie.

The chairman will be St. Catharines' Mike Watt. Niagara Falls' Joe Maggione and Port Colborne's Cindy Thorpe will be the two vice-chairs.

"We will have resources in all of the hospitals ... a presence, just as we do now," said Watt.

The new board said it has a responsibility to respect donor wishes to direct gifts to areas of their special interest. Donors in all communities will be able to direct their gifts to sites or programs locally or to regional programs and services such as cardiac, stroke, cancer and mental health. Wishes regarding existing donor funds will also be honoured.

*Part of our amalgama-

tion agreement that all existing foundations signed had that written into our agreement," said Nieuwesteeg, who will be on the new organization board representing Niagara Falls.

The board's next step will be recruiting a chief executive officer to replace four executive director vacant positions and organize a fundraising committee for the proposed south Niagara hospital on the outskirts of Niagara Falls.

Watt said the board is "absolutely" behind the

Nhs proposal to build a new Niagara Falls hospital at the corner of Lyons Creek and montrose rds. to replace aging sites in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie.

"There has been, obviously, some political division over the new Niagara south hospital, but I think we, as a foundation, need to be seen as speaking with one voice across the region," he said.

"I think that sends absolutely the right message to the minister (of health) about how we feel about

health care in moving forward with raising money for health care."

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Fort Erie could host Year of the Horse Festival in the new year

Organizers will quickly finalize details once approval is given from Premier Kathleen Wynne

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A grand festival may be galloping its way to Fort Erie.

If Premier Kathleen Wynne gives it the green light within the next few weeks, organizers will quickly solidify details to host the Fort Erie Celebrates the Year of the Horse Festival with live racing events in August as part of a provincewide celebration.

The Chinese new year will celebrate the year of the horse in 2014, so it's perfect timing to host a festival in Fort Erie, said Jim Thibert, chief administrative officer of Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium. "The Chinese new year starts in January so there isn't a lot of time. We think it should be a fairly easy

commitment from the premier," Thibert said. Thibert said the consortium joined with Racing Futures, an advocacy group for horse racing, and developed the festival in response to a new five-year, \$4-million sustainability plan for the Ontario horse-racing industry outlined by Wynne in October.

A panel tasked with charting a new course for the industry suggested Fort Erie's racetrack consider hosting a festival meet with thoroughbreds shipped in on race days, Thibert said. "We have hit every bell, every whistle and every target the racing panel has asked for," Thibert said. Dennis Mills, founder of

Racing Futures, said the proposed festival would be the biggest festival of its kind in Canada. "It could be like the Kentucky Derby," he said. Mills said there are three components to the festival that people will enjoy. The festival will feature the unveiling of a Regal Horse, which will be made out of Chinese bamboo.

"The Asian community is famous for using bamboo in their designs and in their architecture," Mills said.

He said people would come from Hong Kong to construct the horse, which will stand five storeys high. It is expected to set a Guinness record for being the largest man-made horse constructed from bamboo.

Organizations from across Ontario will receive quilt pieces which will be used for fundraising. Charities may fundraise for their organizations by getting donor's names and palm prints on the quilt pieces which will be attached to the horse to form a skin.

Mills said the festival would feature Asian-inspired foods and music, along with The Asian Cup, a race inviting jockeys from the Asian Racing Federation. Jockeys from countries such as Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Japan are expected to race in Fort Erie.

The second main racing event will be the Wisdom Cup, which will serve as a reminder to respect elders.

"In the Asian community, they have an extraordinary respect for their elders. The Asian Cup will be a reminder of that," Mills said.

Mills said he needs Wynne to say two words before organizers can move forward with plans.

"We need her to say let's go," Mills said.

The hope is that it becomes so successful that it becomes an annual event," Mills added.

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Queen Elizabeth Way and Bowen Road Interchange Improvements
G.W.P. 2482-04-02
Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in cooperation with the Regional Municipality of Niagara, have retained URS Canada Inc. to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Design Study for the interchange improvements at the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Bowen Road in the Town of Fort Erie, Niagara Region. EA approval for the Preliminary Design for the Bowen Road interchange improvements for the two lanes was received in October 2009. With recent changes to the local land use, this study will examine bridge alignment and design alternatives for replacing the existing two-lane bridge with a wider bridge, including construction staging and detour alternatives. This study will also examine alternatives for modifying and potentially reconfiguring the Bowen Road Interchange.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (amended 2000).

Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with the public and stakeholders.

One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during this study to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team. Notification of the PIC and of the availability of the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Addendum for review will be published in local newspapers and mailed to those on the study mailing list.

A TESR Addendum will be prepared and made available for public review at the completion of the study. The TESR Addendum will update the Environmental Assessment and document the proposed changes to the preferred alternative (two lanes - interim design) for the QEW/Bowen Road interchange, a summary of potential environmental effects and mitigation measures and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study.

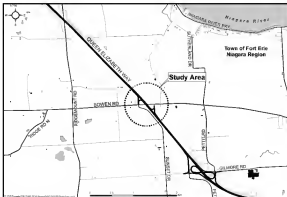
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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Spirit of Christmas

Downtown Ridgeway will be filled with holiday cheer during a two-day festival this Friday and Saturday.

The Spirit of Christmas is free for everyone and features school, choir, a candlelight walk, a tree lighting, horse-drawn carriage rides and hot chocolate.

Holiday house tour

Get into the holiday spirit by viewing beautifully decorated homes during the 2013 Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds from the home tour will benefit the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie.

The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes a bake sale and the grand opening of the HIAFE's River Regional Shop.

For more information call the HIAFE at 905-871-7798.

Time to renew outdoor cards

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reminding people to renew their outdoors cards, along with their hunting and fishing licences as these items are required to hunt or fish in the province.

The card is valid for three calendar years and all cards expire on the same date at the end of the three-year term.

Those card holders, who licences are set to expire on Dec. 31 can begin renewing their cards on Dec. 3.

Cards can be renewed online at Ontario.ca/outdoorscard, in person at participating Service Ontario Centres or by calling 1-800-288-1155.

Information sessions

The Town of Fort Erie is hosting an open house to provide the public with more information about the Stevensville Secondary Plan.

The open house will be held at Stevensville Memorial Hall, 2508 Stevensville Rd., in Stevensville on Thursday, Dec. 5.

The open house will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Another open house has been scheduled to learn more information about the Black Creek Secondary Plan. This open house will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Black Creek Community Centre, 2959 Baker Rd. in Stevensville.

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Switching gears

Ridgeway's Jim Greenwood hopes to change careers by starting a motorized tricycle business

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Riding around his Ridgeway neighbourhood on a recumbent tricycle, Jim Greenwood waves to people as he goes by. It's not uncommon for people to stop and stare as he whizzes around town on his 110-pound motorized recumbent tricycle. Other times, people ask Greenwood where the tricycle came from.

"They always say 'that's really cool' and it's a lot of fun," Greenwood said.

Building these tricycles is a hobby Greenwood began 15 years ago when he took bicycles apart and used the parts to build the tricycles. He did all of the work in his own garage.

He began to build the tricycles for fun, but he eventually realized they were perfect for people with disabilities that couldn't ride bicycles.

Greenwood, who worked as an engineer for more than 40 years in Fort Erie and Montreal, said he decided to turn his hobby into a full-time business.

The Fort Erie Times sat down with Greenwood to talk about motorized recumbent tricycles.

Question: How did you come up with the idea to build the tricycles?

Answer: It started 15 years ago. I was talking with a friend at the office and we thought about making a recumbent bicycle. I built the first prototype from a scooter.

Q: How long does it take to build a tricycle?

A: It takes about three months to make one, but it depends on how much time I spend on it. I make every part of it except the wheels and the motor.

Q: How is your design of recumbent tricycles different from anything else on the market?

A: While using the motor, I can pedal 32km an hour and help the trike up the hill. My trikes are also custom built. They have to be because everyone's arm length and height is different.

Q: What do you enjoy about making these tricycles?

A: I just like to build things. I've been building things all my life.

Q: What do you enjoy about seeing people ride your tricycles?

A: I like to see people who've never been able to ride a bike before and get on one of my trikes. I like to see the smile on their faces and they think "Wow, I can ride this thing."

Q: How can you personalize a trike for a specific person?



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway resident Jim Greenwood hopes to make a business out of the motorized recumbent tricycles he began building 15 years ago.

A: It's based on a person's imagination. Every trike needs to have brakes, pedals and mirrors, but I can try to do almost anything people think of.

Q: What's the hardest part of building a trike?

A: Everything. I've built many trikes and no two are ever the same.

Q: What does it feel like riding

one of your tricycles?

A: It's very comfortable, and very relaxing as you sit upright. It's like sitting in a lawn chair.

Q: Is it difficult to add the motor to the tricycles?

A: It is difficult because you never know what kind of issues you might run into. Sometimes when you put a trike together, and it's finished, it doesn't

work right away and it could be something as simple as a tail-light not working.

Q: How do handle those situations when all of the gadgets don't work right away?

A: Sometimes you don't know until you take it apart. Sometimes it's a matter of which controls go with which wires.

Q: How do you feel when you've completed another trike?

A: It feels great. I like to take a test ride and see how fast it goes.

For more information about the tricycles, e-mail Greenwood at jim.grimwood@mail.com.

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Fort Erie Arts Council planning ahead for 2014 programs at Sanctuary

Annie Pasquariello
For The Times

Trying to come up with new and different ideas each year for a non-profit

organization can pose a challenge.

But the Fort Erie Arts Council has already started thinking of new strategies for 2014.

The council held its 10th annual general meeting last Wednesday at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway to officially appoint the new president

and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Incoming president Michelle Morrissey is enthusiastic to put in place some of her new ideas and restructuring of the council.

As an artist herself and member of the community, past president Sheri Ordinario says Morrissey is "more than qualified to take over the role."

One of Morrissey's first orders of business is to try to restructure the council with specific roles to each member.

She noted that people are busy, and this is a way they need to do.

Morrissey would also like to see a stronger online presence and has amped up the membership benefits.

"What can we offer people? We need to go beyond the gates for Fort Erie. We can try and cross-reference with businesses and offer incentives or discounts," she says.

With many events already on the calendar, Morrissey says there should be something going on at least once a month and hopes to figure out why some events are successful

and others not. Morrissey says she wants to get people involved and serve the people in the community and is open to opinions and ideas with the new board and committees.

"I want the many voices to shape this great council."

The new board members are new president Michelle Morrissey, past president Sheri Ordinario, member-

ship coordinators Lorraine Pichette and Phyllis MacKay, committee coordinator Donna MacLeod, committee and treasurer Lisa Smid, treasurer.

The council has one more position to fill for communications co-ordinator.

The Fort Erie Arts Council will hold its next general meeting in January 2014.



ANNIE PASQUARIELLO Special to the Times

Fort Erie Arts Council members, Sheri Ordinario, past president, and Michelle Morrissey, incoming president, at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway hope to improve the Sanctuary and host more entertainment and arts in 2014.

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Public health advocates call for investment in oral care

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Public health workers, dentists and people with a vested interest in health are calling on the provincial government to invest in public oral health care for adults living with low incomes.

New information from the Ontario Oral Health Alliance, a group of advocates for oral health, has found there were about 58,000 people across Canada who visited an emergency room for oral health reasons in 2012, said Bridges Community Health Centre promoter, Rhonda Barron.

Last year, about 6,258 people in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integrated Network visited emergency rooms for oral health care. About 1,908 of those visits were Niagara residents. The most common complaint from patients was abscesses and severe tooth pain.

"Those (Niagara) numbers are higher compared to other regions in the HNHBB LHIN. This shows there is a direct correlation between poverty and health care. It is definitely a situation where there is more people living in poverty in Niagara," Barron said.

Barron said those visits could have been prevented with regular preventative oral care but many people living on low incomes are not able to afford dental care.

"Our community health centre regularly receives inquiries from clients who are seeking dental care, but there are no public programs for adults," Barron said.

"OHIP doesn't fund health care for the teeth and gums so we can't help them," she added.

The Ontario Oral Health Alliance estimates the total cost of visits to emergency rooms for oral health reasons across Ontario was about \$30 million last year

and the cost to the HNHBB LHIN was more than \$3 million.

Barron believes that money could have been better spent on preventative oral care.

"If we invest in people up front, we can change the future," Barron said. Barron said there are many benefits to investing in oral health care which include improving a person's overall health.

"We know there is a correlation between oral health and diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and certain heart disease," Barron said.

Having poor teeth also affects a person's self-esteem and his or her ability to find and maintain employment.

"If your oral health is standing in the way of you getting a job, than that's a problem," Barron said.

"Self-esteem is eroded when you have bad teeth," she added.

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Love, Haylie

Dear Santa,
My name is Tracey and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I have cookies for you. I would look 10.

Love, Tracey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaiden and I am 6 years old. I go to peace bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like Lego sets for Christmas. I have milk and cookies for you

Thank you

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaelyn and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good girl. I would like a Lego. Love Jaelyn. I left you sum cookies.

Dear Santa,
My name is Skyler and I am 6 years old. I go to peace bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like a darts vader pig and lego.

I will leave you cookies and milk

Love, Skyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Ridwan and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good boy. I would like five dollars.

Love, Ridwan

Dear Santa,
My name is Delilah and I am 6 years old. I go to peace bridge public school. I have been a very good girl. I would like a C.D. Love, Delilah.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabriel and I am 5 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good boy. I would like some little army men. I will give you cookies.

Thank you.

Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
My name is Gael I am 6 years old. I go to peace bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like a asp.

Love, Gael
p.s. and I will give you cookies and milk

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like a Lego vehicle.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden and I am 6 years Old I go to bridge public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like a lego. Love Brayden. I have cookies for you I love you Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge public school. I left you sum cookies and milk. I have been very good girl I would like a Dolly.

Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Mackenzie and I am 6 years old I got to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good girl. I would like a dog. I have milk and cook for you.

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
My name is Harah and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good girl. I would like Furtees. I found you candy

Love, Harah

Dear Santa,
My name is Blanca and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good girl. I would like a Easy Bake Oven. I left you sum cookies.

Love, Blanca

Dear Santa,
My name is Devan and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public School. I have been a very good boy. I would like Grand Theft auto 6

Love, Devan

Dear Santa,
My name is Evan and I am 6 years old. I go to Peace Bridge Public school. I have been a very good boy. I would like a robot for Christmas.

Thank you, Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
My name is Shy and I am 6 years old. What do reindeer eat? For Christmas I would like a cell phone.

I love you

Shy

Dear Santa,
My name is Jada and I am 5 years old. Do you still have Rudolph? For Christmas I would like buttercrotch candy.

Love, Jada

Dear Santa,
My name is Sean. I am 6 years old. What type of cookie do you like. For Christmas I would like butterfly wings horse.

Love, Sean

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe and I am six year old. How is Rudolph? Do you still have Rudolph? For Christmas I would like a skateboard. Santa I love you.

Chloe

Dear Santa,
My name is Sebastian and I am 6 years old. I would like a baby doll that talks.

Love, Sebastiana

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathan. For Christmas I would like WWE power items. Do you still have Rudolph? I love you.

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase I am 6 years. How old are you? For Christmas I would like Skylanders sweet toots.

I love you

Chase

Dear Santa,
My name is Robert and I am 6 years old. Do you still have Rudolph. For Christmas I would like a cell phone.

Love, Robert

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron. I am six years old. Do you still have Rudolph? What is your favourite food? For Christmas I would like an iPod touch.

Love, Cameron

Dear Santa,
My name is Alley I am 6 years old. Do you still have Rudolph. What is your favourite food. For Christmas I would like my little pony

Love, Alley

Dear Santa,
My name is Amber I am 6 years old. Do you still have Rudolph? For Christmas I would like a skateboard. Santa, I love you.

Love, Amber

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley. I am six years old. How is Mrs Clause and the baby. Do you still have Rudolph. For Christmas I would like a ice cream set pod touch

Love, Riley

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Love From, Carianne

Dear Santa,
Christmas is being good. How are you elves doing at making toys. Can I please have a topkitten. I love you Santa.
Love, Jorja

Dear Santa,
How are you and I really like you. I want cars.
Merry Christmas.
From, Colton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I please have a toy for Christmas Santa. Tell the Elves I love this Toys. I love you
Your friend, Cadden

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus. I will like a skater an skateboard.
Love, Amy

Dear Santa,
What's in your bags. I want a game. I want a toy lizard. I want a logo Reindeer box.
Love From, Tait

Dear Santa,
You're awesome. For Christmas may I have logo city please.
How are the reindeer?

From, Weston

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I would like a logo city and a video game.
Your friend Maddy

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a we trampolines. Please can I have a Se-Do.
Bye Santa

Your friend, Maddy



Dear Santa,
How are you and your Elfs. I want four Christmas \$100000
Your friend, Savannah

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I love you Santa! I would like a Scooter please. Thank you Santa.
Your friend, Victoria

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus I would like a Barbie dress please. Thank you I love you Santa.
From, Lita

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Thank you for the first present I got from you Santa. I got a skateboard and all kinds of toys. I would like a pair bear toy.
I love you Santa
Love, Alben

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Marker Machine I like to draw a lot. I have been good a lot
From, Barrington

Dear Santa,
We like Santa. I can't wait to sit on your lap this year. I want to hug you. Santa would you like to bring me a car with no batteries and a remote control airplane. For my brothers can you bring Austin an airplane and for Ian an airplane box.
Love, Zachary

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Dear Santa,
My name is Madison Do you have a Santa Puppy? Are you big or little? How are the Reindeer? May I please have a toy dog, Emily Grace and American Girl doll and milk pollen golden? And a horse. I have been very good. Thank you Santa
From, Madison

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison I have I been on the good or the bad list? Do you have a pet? May I please have two blackies, my little puppy, American girl doll, morning dyes. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa.
Love, Madison J

Dear Santa,
My name is Isabella. Do you have a dog or a puppy. Do you have a pet dragon. May I please have American girl set, a tea set, American girl doll, and purple nail polish. I have been a very good girl.
Thank you Santa
Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
My name is Naveah, how are the Elves? Do you go fishing in the arctic? Do you have a Santa puppy? May I please have a Lalapoppy and a American girl and a Monster High doll and a elf on the shelf.
Love, Naveah

Dear Santa,
My name is Boston do you have a pet dog or puppy. How small are the Elves? Do you have a puppy? I please have a Hockey Boston Logo Players and a hockey arena. I have been good all year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Boston

Dear Santa,
My name is Delucia. What do Reindeer eat? How are the Elves? What size are the Reindeer? May I please have a Scooby doo Set. And a tiffed pet shop set. A logo reindeer list I have been good.
Your BFF Dakota

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooks. Have I been good or bad? Do you have a pet dragon? Are the reindeer big? May I please have colourful pens, American girl and Littlest pet shop.
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
My name is Camryn. How are you? Do you have a pet cat? How are the Reindeer? May I have a Crazy Hair Mini Lalapoppy. May I have some clay?
Thank you Santa
Love, Camryn

Dear Santa,
My name is Evangeline. How are the Reindeer? Do you have magic? May I please have a Lalapoppy silly hat, a tea set a American girl doll. I have been very good.
Love, Evangeline.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan. How small are the Elves. Do you have a puppy? May I please have a bear blade and a skateboard. I have been good. Thank you Santa
From, Ryan

Dear Santa,
My name is Sage. How old are you? Do you have a pet? How are the Elves? May I please have a Barbie and colourful American girl doll, Monster High doll and a Lalapoppy doll. I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa
Love, Sage

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary. I am in grade 1. Do you have a pet. Do you have an xbox. May I please have a Hockey Army and a Hockey stick all Buffalo Sabres. I have been very good.
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,
My name is Kierstin. Do you have a pet dragon? Do you have a pet? May I please have a Monster High doll, a dinosaur pet, little pet shop animal and Bayblades show Crane. I have been good.
Thank you Santa
Love, Kierstin

Dear Santa,
My name is Owen and I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1. How are the elves doing? What are the elves making? What do the reindeer eat? Can I please have a Bay Blade Eagle. For Christmas can I please have a Skakugen and a toy iron too. For Christmas can I please see my more and dad. I hope I am on the good list because I have tried to be good this year.
Thank you Santa
Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
My name is Sasha and I am 6 years old. How are you doing? How are the reindeer. How are Mrs. Claus doing? May I please have a Bay Blade for Christmas? Can I please have a Monster High Doll called Janie and a real puppy too? I have tried to be good all year and I hope I'm on the good list.
Thank you
From, Sasha

Dear Santa,
I'm Peyton and I'm 6 years old. Are the Reindeers ready to fly? What happens when there isn't a chimney? Do you like cookies and milk? May I please have an Eagle Bay Blade for Christmas. May I please have a crayon marker and sweater with robots and an eagle on the front. I have been good all year and I hope to be on the good list.
Thank you Santa
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
I'm Brook-Lynn and I'm 5 years old. Are you doing good? Are the elves doing good? Are you busy making toys too for all the kids? May I please have a doll house and a doll and my little puppy for Christmas. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa I love you.
Love, Brook-Lynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Matteo. How I been good or bad? Do you go on a scooter? How is dad? May I please have a show gun sled set with a steel stadium Bayblade sled with carbon ice and eagle and gallop Pogras.
I have been very good. Thank you Santa.
From, Matteo

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaiden. Do you have Magic? Do you have a Pet? May I please have a dinosaur show gun sled set, a show gun stadium bay blade sled with pirates or a jing a fort and socks. I have been good Santa.
Love, Kaiden

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Love, Cade

Dear Santa,
Hi I'm Mackenzie, I go to Stevensville School. I am a grade 1, I am 6. Do you get the presents from the store? Have you met Jesus? I want an American Girl, an alarm clock and a monster high doll. Hope you have a nice Christmas.
Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Dylan and my school is Stevensville Public School and I'm 6 years old. My grade is grade 1. I no your out there Santa and I want a dog for Christmas and if you don't give me a dog it's ok. Thank you for giving me gifts.
Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
Can I have a xbox, can I have a call of duty, can I have a zoo, can I have a trip to Florida, can I have a sonic costume, I am going to give you cookies
From, Cason

Dear Santa,
I am 6 My name is Lauren How are you Mrs? I wode like a Barbie? I am in grade 1. You are nice.
From, Lauren

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt, I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I love your Elfs. I want an xbox 360. I love you Santa
Wyatt

Dear Santa,
My name is Abigail Anne. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want call me Kropsey and I wode like a monster high doll obb hr holmie is Caddy nair and I wode a Grakoylars stuffy. How many presents do you get delivered on Cressmies. And you are kind.
Love, Abby

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaiden. So you are the best Santa. I wode like a drt pick and a xbox. I love your Elfs busy
Love, Jaiden



Dear Santa,
My name is Kyeigh I am five years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a gum bis masher. I like your elfs.
Love, Kyeigh

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex, I am 6 years old and in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How are the elfs. Doing? I wot infidly with wrek It Ralf and woody and buzz.
From, Alex

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin I am 6 years old and in grade 1. I want a drt bike. I want a xbox. I want a helmi. I love you.
From, Justin

Dear Santa,
My name is Ayden. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How are the elfs. Can I have a xbox 360 and cal of doody. I love you.
From, Ayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a Angry Bird space building. I want what does the fox say c.d. I like your Christmas tree
From, Ryan

Dear Santa,
My name is Gary I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I love your elfs. I want a Christmas elf game and a gummy bears song. I love your reindeer.
Love, Gary

Dear Santa,
My name is Mackenzie. I am 6 years old I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a Monster High Doll and I want to no that how you go down my chime Santa I love you
From, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
My name is Deborah, I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How ar yr elfs? Can I ples have a soy bas: ovin.
Love, Deborah xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Dear Santa,
My name is Aiden. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I wot. Karta equpmnt. How are you doing I am going to lev your wonder food.
From, Aiden

Dear Santa,
My name is Caitlyn. I am 6 years old. I am in grade one at Stevensville P.S. Can I have a cat toy? I love you Santa
Love, Caitlyn

Dear Santa,
I am six you old My Name is Logan. I am in grade 1. I want a toy gun pize. I want a scdr. I will leave cookies and karkis for the reindeer. I luv you Santa
From, Logan

Dear Santa,
My name is Quentin. Will you give me a drt bike. Do you lov it at the North Pole. Can I see the Reindeer. I like you Santa
From, Quentin

Dear Santa,
My name is Eddie I am six years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. I want a Beany Boo the name is Comit. How are nice. I love you Santa
From, Eddie

Dear Santa,
My name is Phonexia, I am 6 years old, I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. How are your reindeer. I love you.
Love, Phonexia

Dear Santa,
My name is Miles. I am six years old. I am in grade one at Stevensville P.S. How do you get to all the kids in the world. I love you and your elf. Santa how do you get to 7000 people in just one day. And I want skylanders swap force .
Love, Miles

Dear Santa,
My name is Lolita. I am 6 years old. I am in grade 1 at Stevensville P.S. Do you like it in the North Pole.? I want a Barbie doll. I love you Santa
Love, Lolita

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. See you soon Jesus. I would like Win Jig
From, your friend Gavin

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, I can't wait until Jesus Birthday. Jesus Birthday is on Christmas day. I am your friend.
Love, Alexandra

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph. How are you and Mrs Claus. Do you now me? I now you. I love you Santa Claus. You look Pibbles. Mrs Claus. I love you Rudolph I like like your nows.
Love, Olivia

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? Do you now Jesus? How is Mrs Claus? Do you want a present. Do you now Me? I now you! I love you, do you love me?
From, your friend Shakyla

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is GG. Is she doing good? Do you love Jesus? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Ples can I have a lego city. How is Rudolph? Is he doing good? Did the Elfs like my stibbs? How are you and the other reindeer are they doing good.
Love your friend
Gulita

Dear Santa,
How are you, How is Rudolph. How is Mrs Claus. How is your Reindeer? I wot wate for Christmas. I wot a elf on the shelf and I wot a lego city
Love, Breah

Hi Santa,
How was your day? Say Hi to Mrs Claus for me. I love Jesus and I want wate for Christmas. How is Rudolph Say Hi to Rudolph for me. What I was visting with you yesterday I forgot to ask you for something majic kn.
From, your friend Alana

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa and Mrs Claus. I love you. And I ples have a computer and a lap top. Ples and can I have call of duty .
From, your friend Ethan

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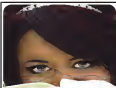
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Dear Santa,
My favorite book is the mouse one. I like to play with Samantha. That's it I want to play with my lego toys. I want a ninja turtle.

Love, Damien

Dear Santa,
How is missi cles and Elfs. Ples can I have a plane.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause and the Elves.

Love, Isabelle

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Clause and Elves.

From Peyton

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Clause and Your Elves. I want tow present.

Love, Jackie

Dear Santa,
I will want a Ipod and a Buddy doll . How are Mrs Clause and the Elves

Love, Sam

Dear Santa,
I just want to have a good Christmas. Also, how are your elves.

From, Kendra

Dear Santa,
I thank you for the PSDA is Brea.

Love, Karla

Dear Santa,
I will leave milk and cookies.

Love Mitchell

Dear Santa,
Can I have 5 pokemon cards for Christmas. I love Christmas.

Love, John

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Bre scoti.

Love, Abby



Dear Santa,
How is my Elf snowflake? How are you doing for Christmas? If I was a good girl may I please have a stuffed elf and may I please have a nut-cracker. Thank you Santa

Sincerely, Lauryn

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Diare and a wics doll. I have bin good I am excited for Jesus. How are the reindeers.

Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,
I'm your biggest fan. Can I ples have a toy baby Yoshi and Yoshi

Sincerely, Leo

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like My little pony doll for Christmas.

Love, Mabel

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Pisas Gas for Christmas.

Sincerely, Maisie

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ok. Can you please try to get me a monshr high doll.

Sincerely, Abigail

Dear Santa,
Say hi to mis claus pls. Can you give Moo Moo Morrer Cart Knass Sos Love

Sincerely, Carter

Dear Santa,
Can you ples give me a hug? Can you ples give me and Kirby a Wil.

From, Brayden

Dear Santa,
How is your morning for Christmas. I would like a Wil.

Sincerely, Jaunick

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am waiting for baby Jesus to come. I am very happy for Christmas. Say hello to the Reindeer.

Sincerely, Isaiah

Dear Santa,
How are you? If I bin a good girl Ples can I have a vapiir dire mive and cles.

Sincerely, Kylee

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. How is the Reindeer. How are you Santa. I love you Santa. I love dogs. Do you Like dogs? My name is Vitalia

Love, Vitallia

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus today. I will give you some chocolate mile and some cookies . Can I have a toy.

Love, Marlee

Dear Santa,
I want 5 toys. I want 100 Bey Blades. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Tyson

Dear Santa,
How Old are you? Do you like Playing?

Love, Lukas B

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you cookies and milk. Can you bring me a wiliu and I wunt some wil games. Love, Mickael H

Dear Santa,
How r you. I want action figure superman and batman.

Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. I am going to give you a Muffin and Sumre cares for the reindeers. I love yu Santa

Ansels

Dear Santa,
Hello, do you like cookies? Why do you ride a sled?

Cameron S.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. How are the reindeer. I wid like the one coan mo kow o molko .

Love, Darilynn H

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus. I want tow fish and one dog.

Love, Savannah B.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? And How are the reindeer. I want a puppet. How is Datsr and how is rotor the red rose reindeer.

Your friend, Kendall

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want two dogs.

From, Calise

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus. Ples can I have Logo City and a ples car.

Love, Rider

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Love, Charley

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? How did you get your Job. How are you?
Love, Jayce

Dear Santa,
How many lives do you have? How many children are there. How are you making out?

From, Bryghon

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, How are you? How are the reindeers? I have my Christmas tree at my house. May I please have a toy Monkey?

Your Friend, Rory

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus How are the reindeers.

Love,

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus. Am I how are you. How are your elf. I want Logo Ninjago. Logo China. I want a gameboard. I want gowy Levey and a Helicopter.

From Your Friend, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I love you and I love Jesus. Could you bring me Logo please.
Your Friend, Sonnie

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, How are you. I love baby Jesus. I want Logo chimis I want Logo city I want bat cav. I want to play video game.
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From, Seth

Dear Santa,
I love baby Jesus. I like Logo chimis I like Logo ninjago. I like Logo cargo set. I like stainers long version.

From, William

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, how is Mrs. Claus. Please can I have an Elf on the shelf.

From Your Friend, Trent

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and Mrs Claus and you. Christmas is so much fun. I have fun it's to bad you have to do a lot of work. Can I please have some black boots. Merry Christmas Santa.

From your friend Shye

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer. How is Mrs Claus. Jesus is special. I want both of the Logo city sets.

From, Domenick

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you, how is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus. I love you. Do you know that Christmas is spos be kess Jesus is born. Your ar spos to. Do you now me? I now you?

From Your Friend, Presly.

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Hi Ya Santa,
How are you? I saw you driving to the Santa Claus Parade. How are you a great girl. And on Christmas the toys I am hoping for are a girl talk keepsake locker. I also would like a basketball. I love you

Mackenzie

Dear Santa,
I hope there are a lot of Christmas spirit in the world. I'm hoping to get a Lego set and a Lego chima set. How are you Santa? What kind of cookies do you like? I've been good.

From, Jack

Dear Santa,
How is it going with the presents? I was a really good boy this year I am hoping for a lava lamp and an iPad for my brother and me and a fuby. How big is the north pole? I am going to give you Jinjer bread.

Love, Aiden

Hello,
How are you? I hope you have a great Christmas this year. How is Mrs Claus? I am hoping to get the colour institute and cover girl lipstick. Do you still like chocolate cookies? I have been a good girl this year.

Love, Brandy

Dear Santa,
How are you? How cold is it in the North Pole? I would like a furbly and makeup and a video game.

Love, Aashli

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I was good and bad. Some time I share with my bruff and sometime I really with him. Can I please have guns and spear. I will eveu you chocolate milk and chocolate cookies.

Your Friend, Maddon

Dear Santa,
How long is the Reindeer Antler? I was kind of bad and good. I was saying inappropriate things and I was sharin. I want a lethic car.
I love santa

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
How old are your reindeer. I was good because I took care of my brother. I want trucks.
I love you.

Love, Thomas

Dear Santa,
How long is your beard? I was good because I share my toys. I want Logo ninjago and a train set. I will love you cookies.

Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
How do you mac so manee president I was good because I play with Mathew Can I please have Ever After Dais. I love you Santa

Love, Abby

Dear Santa,
I was good becaus I shard with Alex. Can I please have pop pop balloon game. Will tev you some cocoes.

Your Friend, Lotde

Dear Santa,
How long is your Beard? I was good. I bought a kid gmr to the class be kess she was loss and sad. I wot a doc McStuffin set and goldie and Perfume. And a spils two and a pearl pape if my parents said is ok.

Love, Shaylee

Dear Santa,
How do you get to the kids house? I was good because I did my chores. I want a stoffume

Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
Do you have a elf? I was good I clend. Can I please have a waikey toke.
I love Santa

Love, Mariah

Dear Santa,
What is Roo doing? Why is his nose red? I was good. I want skidhr swap fons and bmy rd video game

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Dear Santa
How can you disappear? I was good I play with Evan. I want elctric 4 wheel.
I love Santa

Love Cody

Dear Santa
How old is yr reindeer? I was good bekus I gave mrs VH a pictur I made. I want a big stur dum to hug. Thank you
Have a good trip.

Love Faylan

Dear Santa
How old is your reindeer. I was good and bad. I was good becas I share with my sister. Can I please have some more skylands.

Love Jack

Dear Santa
How Looking is you best? I want Hockey gloves , hockey sticks and hot wheels .
Love Evan

Dear Santa
How do to get of the presents I was good becas I shad a iPad. I want a toy horse.
Love Kama

Dear Santa
How do you make so many presents. I was good his yr. Becus I help my friends. Can I please have a par of Roiscas

Love Evelynyn

Dear Santa
How old is Rudolph? I was good and bad. The bad thing that I did is I didn't eat my food bus. The good thing that I did is my toys. Can I please have a mine craft game and a xbox and a stuffy that is a polar bear.

Love Kaib

Dear Santa
How are you Reindeer and your elves. I was good. I played with Kama. I want a blue dragon please.

Love Alexa

Dear Santa
My Name is Darren. I love to dance. How do you throw the presents down the chimney? I would like an xbox and GTA %.

Live Darren

Dear Santa
My name is Tade I am in grade 1 I like to play hockey. How do you fly? For Christmas I would like xbox . I am leaving cookies and mil for you

Love Tade

Dear Santa
My name is Ethan How do you fly? I like to help my grandpa. I would like an xbox and another dog. I will leave mil and cookies.

Love Ethan A

Dear Santa
My name is Xayvor I love to help my Dad. How do you mak the things? I would like a bay blade

Love Xayvor

Dear Santa
My name is Kyrn. What is your favourite cookie. I would love a doll house. A doctor set.
Have a great day.

Love Kyrn

H
My name is Kaylee. How many days until Christmas. How old are you? For Christmas I would like Barbie pop. I will leave you cookies.

Love Kaylee

Dear Santa
My name is Trinity. I like to play on my mom's laptop do you have Rudolph? I would like my own laptop and iPad. I will leave you cookies and milk and an iPad phone.

Love Trinity.

Dear Santa
My name is Cheyenne I love Christmas, I would like a pig. I will leave you cheese and milk. I love you.

Love Cheyenne

Dear Santa
My name is Delilah. I love my teacher. do you like Christmas. Can you bring me an American Doll. Can you bring me a monster high. I hope you bring Rudolph.

Love Delilah

Dear Santa
I like to dance. How old are you? I like a monster high. I like a owl. I will leave you cookies.

Love Julia

Dear Santa
My name is Alyssa I like to play hockey. How do you make the toys? Can you buy me a skateboard for Christmas. Can I have a computer. The most nice can I fly.

Love Alyssa

Dear Santa
My name is Zaiden. Once I bit a fork and my tooth got wiggly. How did you get the Reindeers. For Christmas I want an xbox. I will give you cookies.

Love Zaiden

Dear Santa
My name is Sophia. How old are you. I like an owl, I like a flower, I like a stuffed Polar Bear.
Have a safe trip

Love Sophia

Dear Santa
My name is Ariq and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like Thomas, Percy and James.
How old are your reindeer?
I will leave out milk and cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer.

Love Ariq

Dear Santa
I am Ethan. I like playing soccer. How do you get so many elves? I would like a worker set and a soccer ball and soccer net. Thanks Santa. I will give you one of my boxes of cookies.

Love Ethan W.

Dear Santa
My name is Brayden and I like Hockey. How do you get down the crme? I wud like mine sticks and a xbox

Love Brayden

Dear Santa
My name is Meah I have 2 dog and I love them.
A unicorn, a chick, a loddgare hamper, a snake, a owein, a thes, a hoptit, four fish, a mistach. I love you Santa How are you.

Love Meah

Dear Santa
My name is Sadie. I am in grade one. I love my dad and mom and how do you get your bag so big and how do you fly. Can you please bring me rainbo law. I think your gral.

Love Sadie

Ridgeway Public School

Dear Santa
Does Rudolph nose shine? Please bring me a fire breathing toothless dragon, the whispering death and skylanders swap force. I hope you live a Merry Christmas.

Love, Cassie

Dear Santa
How do you make mermaids? How does Rudolph's nose light up? Can you bring me a Minnie mouse Mitchen. I love you.

Love, Jordyn

Dear Santa
How does Rudolph glow? How does Rudolph's nose shine? Can you please get me a real puppy and a toy car. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Maddox

Dear Santa
How do you make it all the way around the world with the Presents on the sleigh? Can I please have a big car and an iPad. I love your reindeer.

From Kye

Dear Santa
Can you really fly? I want an elf on the shelf. I would like a mini I pad too. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Grant

Dear Santa
What kind of cookies do you want on Christmas morning? How do you make toys for us? Can you please bring me an American doll and an iPad for Christmas. I hope you are not tired after Christmas.

From Emily

Dear Santa
How do you fit your presents in the sleigh? Can you say hi to Rudolph. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Can I please have an I Pad.

From, Liah

Dear Santa
How many reindeer do you have? Can you bring me a hippo stuffed animal? I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus. I love your reindeer and I love elves. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa
What does Rudolph do at the North pole? Can you make a real ballet dance floor for me. Please and please can you make me a Monster High School that comes with 3 Monster High dolls. I love you Santa.

Love, Mallory

Dear Santa
How are you doing Santa? Can you please bring me a strik bom. I want an air hockey game. I love your elves.

From Alexei

Dear Santa
Can you really fly? I want skylanders swap force and animal crossing new leaf. I hope you like my cookies.

From Luc

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Are you working hard the elves? Can you please get me Trexy Dog My Skateboarding pup. Oh can you please get me a megak Jenn guessing game. Have a Merry Christmas.

From Sonja

Dear Santa
Has Rudolph shined his nose? Can you please bring me a Playstation. I hope all of you are feeling good.

By Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
Has Ted my elf been good? I hope he was. He gas good hiding spots. Santa can you please get me transformers and dinosaurs. I hope you stay healthy.

By Ethan

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Could you please get me a iPod. I hope you stay healthy.

From Michael

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your reindeer and your elves? Please bring me a Trisy dog. I hope you stay healthy.

Love, Macie

Dear Santa,
How is the sleigh? How are you doing? How do you get all the presents in one night? Anyway may I Please have a cryemorker?

Love, Lily

Dear Santa,
How is the weather. How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like a remote control car. Thank you.

Your friend, Cash

Dear Santa,
I hope I'm on the good list. I wanted a Jabes peles lego Set, Seven toy cars, and a video game. I have been really good. You rock.

From, Nick

I hope you come down here. I am going to feed the Deers. I know how your sleigh flys. I will give you milk and cookies! How is Mrs. Claus doing.

From, James

Dear Santa,
How are the reinDeer doing? How are you Doing? Say hi to Mrs. Claus. How is the weather? I hope Im on the Nice list! May I have a big drum set and a real puppy. Thank you. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Ryan

Dear Santa,
How does rudolf's nose glows? And how are the elves are? How are your reindeer doing?

Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I hope you feel good. I been good so can I please have a Lago pump? I will maybe put some reindeer food outside.

From, Alex

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a mini I pad? How is Mrs. Claus? I've been good. How is Rudolph?

Your pal, Ashton

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus. I would please like a Monster high doll C but not lagosna blue.

Your friend, Libby

Dear Santa,
How are your Reindeer? Can I have a monster like Doll? How do you m ake the toys? Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Taylor

Dear Santa,
When it is Christmas eve I will feed your Reindeer for you. Please May I have a iPod.

Your friend, Stevan R.

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer are really well for their big trip around the world. I hope I get the game I wanted and I hope you have a safe trip around the world.

Your friend, Ethan

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I can't wait till you come. How is Mrs. Claus? I Hope you're good!

Your Pal, Taylor

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I wanted Minecraft for Christmas. I will leave out some cookie and I wait NHL.

From, Ryder

Dear Santa,
I have been kind this year! Can you get me a phone for Christmas? I'm wondering how the weather is? Have a happy holiday!

Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
How are you at the north pole. I want any toy. Have a safe ride.

Your friend, Gean

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Can you get me a Xbox for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus? How is the weather? Happy holiday.

Your friend, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
My n ame is Zoel I am wondering about rudolf is he ready for Christmas? Can I please have a zomier dog? Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Zoe

Dear Santa,
How are you at the north pole santa I hope you are ok. I hope you can get a X box o m for me please or a skill boat. You rock Santa. Thank you for all the toys you give me.

From, Noah

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing. Are they Good or not? I hope you are Good too. You are the Best man ever!

Your friend, Devin

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Give a little to make a big difference

West End Community Food Drive to collect food Saturday

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Giving a little can make a big difference to someone in need.

It's a message Joe Ambrosio, owner of Joe's Valumart in Ridgeway, hopes to share with hundreds of people on Saturday.

Ambrosio will be col-

lecting non-perishable food items at his store in Ridgeway on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The food drive is part of the Fort Erie Fire Department's collection. Donations can also be dropped off at fire stations in Ridgeway, Stevensville and Crystal Beach.

The collection is part of the West End Community Food Drive to support the St. Vincent De Paul food bank.

"We're looking for all of the staple items," Ambrosio said.

Items that are needed include mac and cheese, beans, vegetables, sugar, pasta, rice and cookies.

Ambrosio said pre-

made bags of groceries ranging from \$10 to \$20 will be available for purchase if people aren't sure which types of items to donate.

"It doesn't take much to give back to the community," Ambrosio said.

"People can donate just a few dollars or a few non-perishable food items. Every little bit helps."

A fire truck will be on display at the grocery store during the fundraiser, Saturday.

Ambrosio invites everyone to come out, make a donation and make the holiday season a little brighter for people in need.

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Joe's Valumart owner Joe Ambrosio and store manager Jeffery Rogers encourage the community prepare pre-made grocery bags consisting of \$10 and \$20 donations for the West End Community Food Drive which will take place Saturday to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

Ridgeway Public School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a furbie, squinkies, art supplies, math games, math books, lego friends, Build-a-Bears, build-a-bear clothes. How is it up in the north pole. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

From Finley

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Miss Clara? Santa can I please have a cat or a new pet? I was very good. I am so excited and I am so happy that you make the world so happy like me and have a great time.

Dexter

Dear Santa,
My mom said I could have a laptop and could I have a air soft bullets. How are your reindeers. Love your friend,

David

Dear Santa,
I would like a hune card, lego, rocks, pokemon, paint balls. Thank you. Your friend,

Caleb

Dear Santa,
I would like a Runes card, and Lego and I pad a spider a flat pokemons. How is it doing at the north pole. Thank you.

Love, Cam

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the north pole. I have been good so could you please bring me a latest min. Can I have some wii games and can I please have a hune card. I hope you have a good day. Tell me how Miss Clara and the elves are doing. Have a great Christmas.

Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are you good. Well I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. Can I have a bling bag and maybe a iPod or a note tabbit and lots of candy cane and chocolate chip cookies and peanut butter and easy bake a cat or dog or citting or puppy or a pet baggy or eney cin. I love you.

Zoe

Dear Santa,
How are you and how are the reindeers to I was wondering if the elves can make me a iPad with a case. Thank you.

From Cateleigh

Dear Santa,
I would like a pet home with a fence and a house please. Can I please have the mostest high cashal. How is Miss Clara and Elf's and you.

Love, Laura



Dear Santa,
How are you. I hope you are having a great time up in the north pole and with your family. How is Miss Clara doing. Dear Santa and the elves doing. I would like a ipod minify for Christmas and new clothes with a carrow. And some slippers. And please have with carrow nose bows that are hogs and they have came on it.

From Vaughn

Dear Santa,
How are you and the Reindeer and your mom. I want't for Christmas is a ipod but drandon ran over my foot with the computer chair then Bruntion did not go to his room so then he said sorry then they played together and we played mind sticks.

From Ty

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Miss Clara giving you cookies and milk? Is it ok if I get 7 or 8 things for Christmas? I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like amelly markers, tinspelen and easy bake oven, Slushy maker, dog tag and a little Dog. I can't wait till you come for Christmas.

Love, Mikayla Lynn

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I really need marker's because my marker's are weared and I posside my marker's in grad one!

Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. I hope you are having a good time. Are you excited for Christmas. I know I'm excited. Here are some things I want for Christmas, lego, wwe wrestler and an i love card. Don't eat to much cookies on Christmas eve.

From Carter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Marker maker and also a new cord a sewing machine and also some creative stuff and supplies and a slushy maker. I want to know how did you are and Miss Claus.

Sincerely, Emelia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like 3 things. First is a iPad or computer. Second is a furbie bow. Third is lego friends. This year I have been very good. My house number is 127 Park St. I will leave a cannet for the reindeer milk and cookies for you. How are you doing?

From Kara

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a ipod, dirt bike hoodPhone's, air sprayer, Pokemon for Christmas and show how are you doing at the north pole. Can you say hi to the reindeer for me. My address is 3101 eweeder avenue.

From Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been monty good this year. For Christmas I want 13 wish Hognors, 13 wishgigi, and 13 wish Abby. Santa do you like being Santa? And do you like delivering posits to kids.

Love, Claudia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been ok this year. I really want a gne pig please because gne pigs are so cute and because my cat is so late. That's why I want a gne pig.

Love, Derek

Dear Santa,
How are you? What I need for Christmas is sticky tac because I have things I want to hang up and I have no sticky tac at home. I hope you have a good night!

From Stella

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have bin good this year. I need a new per of sneakers because I am taking sokr this year. I hope you have a good bin giving toys to the world.

Love, Cella

Dear Santa,
I bin good. You bring me 11 Hubay riveby funny tag for me.

From Hope

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am sorry to bother you but for Christmas I want race car's and pokemon card's. Also figurs if that are any.

From Tristian

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. Do you get toys.

Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope I get lots of presso. I will have fun with I hope Christmas. I cant wait.

Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a iPad jam set, but, knee hockey set, dog.

Lundane

Dear Santa,
I been good to yes. I need a wait because I need to get my munny around to it. I wait a host weekend walk.

Even

Dear Santa,
I have bin as good as gold. I need a dollor of pants this Christmas. Santa I would like a creaper plush for Christmas and mine craft plik and sord made of diamond.

Love Adam

Dear Santa,
I wonder if I have been good this year to get good luck for presents. I like getting presents for Christmas because I get Toys. Santa can I please have an ipad and a case for it and can I have a calico critter bus calico critter Toy Shop a bakery and calico critter people one more thing 2 talapocis dolls please.

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I hope you can get me a elf on the shelf. I bin rile gud this year and why I wait it is be cause it is malik and it can fill us in the icy and I hope I get it for Christmas and have a happy christmas.

Love, Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I know that my Dad gave you a note and said I was good this year to. I been wanting a doll that talks for a long time. I hope you have a happy Christmas.

Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
Greeting. How are you and the reindeers? For Christmas I want every one to have a good Christmas.

From Kaldyn



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Children and teens librarian Laura Martin is organizing this year's Mittens and Books Collection at the Fort Erie Public Library. She said donations of new scarves, hats, mittens and books are urgently needed.

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Public Library needs help to keep local youth warm during the winter season.

The library's annual Mittens and Books Collection is well underway with the Centennial Ridgeway-Crystal Ridge and Stevensville branches collecting new books, hats, mittens and scarves for children and teens, said children and teens librarian Laura Martin.

The collection continues until Dec. 9 when the items will be bundled together and given to the Salvation Army, Saint Vincent de Paul and the Stevensville Kinsmen's Gift of Love program to distribute the items to children in need for Christmas.

Martin is encouraging people to pick up a scarf, hat or pair of mittens when they visit the store.

"We're hoping for one last push for the fundraiser because we don't know if we'll have enough this

year."

Last year, the Mittens and Books collection distributed about 1,600 items to youth in Fort Erie. Martin said she hopes to see that many items, if not more, given to youth in need this Christmas.

"We're hoping people will really kick the fundraiser into high gear during the last bit of it," Martin said.

"If people stop at the dollar store, they have great mittens there that are toasty

and warm."

Martin said every item donated is put to good use, and any items leftover are given to Community Program Outreach Erie.

"If we never let anything sit and not be donated. If our resources are exhausted, we always find a home for our items through COPE," Martin said.

For more information call the Fort Erie Public Library at 905-871-2546.

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- Old Bank Bistro • Wal-Mart • Brodie's Drug Store on Ridge Road in Ridgeway
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Niagara Action For Animals hope County Fair Mall becomes a shopping destination

Annie Pasquariello
Fort Erie Times

The County Fair mall may not be a destination for residents in town, but a local charity is hoping it will be.

Niagara Action for Animals has been holding a fundraiser bazaar every Saturday and

Sunday and statutory holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the once-a-month mall.

NAEA is a non-profit, all volunteer charity devoted to ending all forms of animal cruelty through education, direct action and legitimate protest. NAEA does not encourage or incite illicit acts.

The bazaar has much to offer such as a book fair, greeting cards, crafts, collectible ceramics and hand-crafted jewelry. They will also start gift-wrapping services as they have been doing for the past 30 years.

NAEA volunteer Patricia Naylor says the idea for a book fair came to her because she wanted to try something different to raise money and awareness for the animals in Niagara. It soon evolved when two book stores from Toronto donated books and greeting cards.

Relying on donations from the community for the bazaar and gift-wrapping services, Naylor says that Fort Erie is, "the most community-minded town with a lot of community spirit."

Prepping for the holiday season, they need supplies such as tissue, bows, tape and scissors.

Naylor says NAEA also gives back to the community by offering community service hours to students.

"The kids have a blast and everyone takes pride in what they are doing," she says.

An animal lover and activist, Naylor spends her weekends at the mall raising money for NAEA.

"People can come down

here and find gifts a lot less than what they think they need to spend," she says. "They will also leave knowing

that the money went to a cause with no paid staff and receives no government funding."

If you would like more information or make a donation, please contact Patricia Naylor at 905-871-7483.



ANNIE PASQUARIELLO Special to the Times
Volunteers Patricia Naylor and Carol Overholt at the fundraising bazaar for Niagara Action for Animals at the County Fair Mall.

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WEST END COMMUNITY

Food Drive. Help support the Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and Stevensville food bank run by St. Vincent De Paul. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at Joe's Volunteer, Fort Erie Fire Station 4, 5, and 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

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Have all of your Christmas presents wrapped at the County Fair Mall from Saturday, Dec. 7, until Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. Free. Donations accepted for Niagara Action for Animals.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

for the month of December for Community Program Outreach Erie. Any non-perishable items, toiletries, instant formula and diapers greatly needed. Other items needed include: pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jam, tuna fish, cereal, lunch snacks, crackers, cookies, juice boxes, and pasta. For more information call 905-871-2526.

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for care partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Foyer Richelleu. For information, call 905-687-3914.

POINT ABINO

Lighthouse Guided tours are offered the second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Departure from 1036 Point Abino Rd. S, Ridgeway, next to the Bertie Boating Club. Call for info at www.palps.ca.

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Fax 905-894-5356

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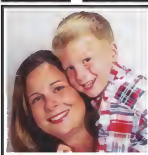
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GAGNON, Clem - Passed away peacefully on Friday Nov. 29, 2013 at the Grater Niagara General Hospital. He will be dearly missed by his wife Marjorie. Survived by his son Ken. Clem will be fondly remembered by his step children Gary (Dale) Ahoie, Greg (Barb) Ahoie, Barb (Carmen) Giesli and Jeff (Triea) Ahoie. Also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by his daughter Kim. In keeping with Clem's wishes, cremation has taken place. Friends and Family are invited to a time of remembrance and support on Saturday December 7th from 2-4 at the recreational hall - 255 High St. Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

NICHOLLS, Blake - Passed away unexpectedly at his home. Beloved husband of the late Miranda "Patricia" (2005). Loving father of Timothy (Judy) Nicholls, Corby Lewis and Patrick (Jill) Shaw. Cherished grandfather of Nicole and Adam Lewis, Brent, Alison and Christina Nicholls and Olivia Shaw. Sadly missed by his sisters Lynn Edwards and Elaine King and many nieces and nephews. Blake was a well-known in the community as the owner of Nicholls Marine and his love of gardening. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangement. Friends called Monday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Service was held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to C.O.P.E. would be appreciated by the family.



MACKECHUK - The family of the late Gord Mackechuk wish to thank their family, friends and neighbours for their support and gifts of floral tributes, food, Mass intentions and donations in honour of Gord. Thank you very much to Father Patrick for his comforting visit and his beautiful homily which captured the essence of a kind, caring and wonderful man. To Joan Rogala, your beautiful music was an expression of honour and we are deeply appreciative. Thank you to Darren Flagg and staff of Benner Funeral Home for your care, compassion and attention to detail during this most difficult time. Thank you to the dedicated staff at Trauma ICU at Erie County Medical Centre for their care and compassion. Special thanks to Father Butch at EMC who was there to guide us through the very difficult days in hospital. Gord was an exceptional man who was never without a smile and who will live on through wonderful memories and in the lives of his wife, children and grandchildren. - Sincerely, the Mackechuk family.

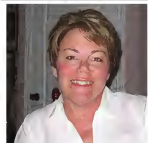


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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, brothers Jacob Sault, 7, Malaki Sault, 4, and Dante Sault, 5, stop at the Optimist Hall on Gilmore Rd. to visit Santa Claus, Saturday. The Fort Erie Optimist and Opt-Mrs clubs have organized Santa's Fantasy Land, which concludes this weekend. The event runs Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Stop by to view dazzling light displays, visit Santa and decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus.

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Just a wonderful surprise when we got home. Thank You.

Brick for people who don't invest in Fort Erie

A brick for the people who don't invest in Fort Erie to bring in jobs that are not only better paying but better bosses. And my bouquet goes out to people who are struggling to make due and still have a smile on their faces.

Bouquet for police

A bouquet for the police detectives who quickly made an arrest in the local

homicide.

Bouquet for volunteer

A bouquet to the representatives from five area not-for-profits, who gathered this recently to learn how to host income tax clinics for the vulnerable in our community.

A bouquet for spa staff

A bouquet for the girls at Bridgeburg Spa who always go a step beyond! Whether it be with their own clients, other people in the building or within the community. Thanks ladies.

A brick to a plow driver

A brick for the sidewalk plow driver that plowed more of my front lawn than the sidewalk. You have caused a good amount of damage to my property.

A brick for inconsiderate pet owners

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Remembering Sophiee

Annie Pasquariello
For The Times

Family, friends and members of the community honoured the memory of the Cindy "Sophiee" McCooley

on Monday evening with a special tree lighting ceremony at Derby Circle in Crystal Beach.

The annual ceremony is dedicated to the memory of Sophiee who passed away from cancer in 2009. Her

mother, Diane Nowicki wanted a way to honour her daughter and contacted then Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood, and from there the idea for the tree came to life.

Lockwood said they decided on the location of Derby Circle because Nowicki grew up in Crystal Beach and it has become a real blessing for the community.

Butch McCooley, Sophiee's brother,



BUTCH MCCOOLEY Special to the Times
A crowd gathers to light a tree in Derby Circle in Crystal Beach in honour of Cindy "Sophiee" McCooley. Friends and family placed a yellow rose on the lit up tree in honour of McCooley.

says it wasn't for Lockwood, the tree may not be as healthy as it is today

Lockwood watered the tree and took care of it every day in its first year in the circle.

"We love her for doing what she has done for our family," Butch said.



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In general healthy children six months and older can be treated with "watchful waiting". Children younger than this and those with other ailments should be treated with an antibiotic. If the oral temperature exceeds 39°C, there is severe ear pain, or your child is extremely ill, an antibiotic should also be considered. You can also ask your doctor for an antibiotic prescription to be used if your child is not improving on their own within 48 to 72 hours. (This way you don't have to make a repeat trip to the doctor).

If your child requires an antibiotic take careful note of the kind of medication and the dose being given. The drug of choice is Amoxicillin given at a high dose (80mg/kg/day) divided twice a day for five days. (If your child is less than two, or has had frequent infections, a ten day course should be given). Your child with a penicillin allergy, clarithromycin (BIAVIN) can also be given. There are other choices as well but the above are the most common starting place. If there is no improvement after two days of antibiotics the medication should be changed. If you are seeing a different physician make sure you inform them what type of antibiotic your child has had, and what dose they were on.

All children complaining of ear pain can be treated with ibuprofen (ADVI), and/or acetaminophen (TYLENOL). This will help to lessen any fever and reduce the pain being caused by the infection.

To help reduce the risk of ear infections it is important to use frequent hand washing, and washing of toys, and linens on a regular basis. Breastfeeding until three months of age can also reduce the risk of infection in a child's first year. Limiting pacifier use and exposure to tobacco smoke can help, as well as limiting daycare in children less than one year of age. It also important to have your child vaccinated for influenza and pneumococcal infections.

Luckily most kids ear infections will improve on their own in seven to ten days. Symptomatic treatment of pain and fever is all that is really needed. However, if you feel your child is very ill, make sure you see a doctor and use the antibiotic prescribed appropriately.

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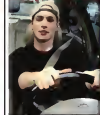
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This year, Sophiee's brother Sean held the honour of lighting the tree and shared a humorous story about his sister.

Nowicki brings her daughter's favourite yellow roses every year and invites the attendees to take a rose and place it on the tree.

The family also honours Sophiee's memory by continuing to support Community Program Outreach Erie because Sophiee served on the organization's board of directors.

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Nowicki said she would like people to remember Sophiee's smile.

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